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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S HOUSE ON ST MAARTEN BURNS

FOR ARA/CAR - WAUCHOPE AND BURKE

1. ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 12 A FIRE DESTROYED  
THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
OF THE LT GOVERNOR OF THE WINDWARDISLANDS IN PHILLIPSBURG,  
ST MAARTEN. ACCORDING TO THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES  
SECURITY SERVICE (NASS) (WHICH IS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH  
THE CONGEN ON THE INCIDENT), NO EVIDENCE OF ARSON HAS  
BEEN UNCOVERED. RUMORS HAVE PLACED THE BLAME FOR THE  
FIRE ON WILLY HAIZE AND HIS UFA UNION. THE GNA HAS SENT  
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A SPECIAL TEAM OF 25 POLICE RE-ENFORCEMENTS AND DETECTIVES

TO ST MAARTEN TO INVESTIGATE. ALSO NA POLICE COMMISSIONER JOHANN F. OLDENBOOM HAS FLOWN TO THE SCENE.

2. LABOR PROBLEMS HAVE CONTINUED TO PLAGUE ST MAARTEN EXACERBATED BY THE AMBITIOUS WILLY HAIZE AND HIS UNITED FEDERATION OF THE ANTILLES (UFA). TWO DISPUTES INVOLVING THE UFA ARE NOW IN PROGRESS, ONE CONCERNING THE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND THE SECOND INVOLVING THE JAPANESE FISH FREEZING PLANT. THERE IS SUSPICION THAT HAIZE MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRE. THERE HAS BEEN A HISTORY OF DISPUTES BETWEEN HAIZE AND THE ST MAARTEN ESTABLISHMENT OF LT GOVERNOR VAN DELDEN AND THE WATHEY BROS. POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. LT GOVERNOR VAN DELDEN AND HAIZE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE HAD A CONFRONTATION DURING THE MORNING OF AUGUST 12. HAIZE IS NOW IN JAIL ON ST MAARTEN AWAITING INTERROGATION.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE RUMORS OF RIOTS ON ST MAARTEN, NASS HAS CONFIRMED TO THE CONGEN THAT THIS WAS NOT SO AND THAT THE ISLAND IS CURRENTLY QUIET BUT MUCH TENSION PERSISTS. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF U.S. CITIZENS BEING INJURED OR PROPERTY DAMAGED.

4. COMMENT: THE POSSIBILITY OF ST MAARTEN ERUPTING HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED BY THE CONGEN. THIS POSSIBILITY REMAINS. THE VOLATILITY COULD BE INCREASED BY THIS INCIDENT. WHAT MAY RESULT FROM THE INCARCERATION OF HAIZE IS UNPREDICTABLE. IF INVESTIGATION PROVES THAT HAIZE OR THE UFA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRE, THE GNA WILL BE IN THE DELICATE SITUATION OF BALANCING THE NEED FOR JUSTICE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER LABOR TROUBLE.  
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